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REFERENCE:

STATIC TEST FACILITY
NIZHNYAYA SALDA, USSR

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

FOUR TEST CELLS, ONE OF WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN MODIFIED, CAN NOW BE IDENTIFIED IN THE HORIZONTAL TEST BUILDING. THIS BUILDING WAS PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED TO CONTAIN 2 TEST CELLS.

2. REMARKS:

THIS INSTALLATION CONTAINS A PROPULSION TEST BUILDING, 17 SUPPORT BUILDINGS, A STEAM PLANT, A TRANSFORMER YARD, A CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS BATCH PLANT, A WATER TREATMENT PLANT, A POSSIBLE PROPELLANT PREPARATION/TEST BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AN AIR LIQUEFACTION PLANT (WITH 2 ADJACENT KEYHOLE-SHAPED, DEWAR-TYPE STORAGE TANKS AND A NEARBY FORCED AIR COOLING TOWER), AND AN ASSOCIATED HOUSING AREA.

THE PROPULSION TEST BUILDING IS SIMILAR TO THE TEST BUILDINGS AT THE VORONEZH, UFA, FAUSTOVO, AND ZALENEGORSK STATIC TEST FACILITIES.

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3. LOCATION: 9 NM NORTHEAST OF NIZHNYAYA SALDA.
4. COLLATERAL/COMINT: NONE
5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: [REDACTED] FIRST PICKED UP UNDER CON-
STRUCTION AS AN UNIDENTIFIED INSTALLATION.
6. NEGATION DATE: NONE
7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: 20 KH-4 AND 4 KH-7 MISSIONS.
8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS: NONE
9. MISSION READOUT: THIS MISSION PROVIDES THE BEST VIEW OF THE HORI-
ZONTAL TEST BUILDING TO DATE. THIS BUILDING CAN NOW BE SEEN TO CONTAIN 4
TEST CELLS, EACH HAVING AN L-SHAPED POSSIBLE CRANE POSITIONED OVER IT. A
CONTROL/INSTRUMENTATION SECTION PROJECTS OUTWARD FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE TEST
BUILDING. A LARGE RECTANGULAR BLAST PAD IS CUT INTO THE HILLSIDE BELOW THE
LEVEL OF THE TEST BUILDING AND A SLOPING BLAST DEFLECTOR CONNECTS THE PAD
WITH THE CELLS. A TUBULAR OBJECT IS VISIBLE PROJECTING DOWNWARD FROM THE
EASTERNMOST TEST CELL AND EXTENDING PART WAY DOWN THE FACE OF THE BLAST DEFLEC-
TOR. THIS TEST CELL HAS APPARENTLY BEEN MODIFIED IN THAT IT IS CONNECTED TO A

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SMALL STRUCTURE WITH ADJACENT COOLING TOWERS. A COVERED STRUCTURE NEARBY MAY CONTAIN HORIZONTAL PRESSURE TANKS AND IS CONNECTED BY A PIPELINE TO THE EAST-ERNMOST TEST CELL AS IS THE WATER STANDPIPE TO THE NORTH. STAINS FROM FORMER TESTS ARE VISIBLE ON THE SCOPING DEFLECTOR AND BLAST PAD.

A PROBABLE PROPELLANT PIPELINE LEADS FROM THE WEST SIDE OF THE TEST BUILD-ING TO A RAIL TRANSFER POINT HAVING A SWITCHBACK ACCESS TO THE AIR LIQUEFACTION PLANT. BEFORE ENTERING THE TEST BUILDING, THIS PIPELINE APPEARS TO ENTER A PROBABLE TANK WITH POSSIBLE ATTACHED COOLING COILS. A SMALL CYLINDRICAL OB-JECT IS ON THE ROAD IMMEDIATELY TO THE NORTHWEST OF THE TEST BUILDING.

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON THE POSSIBLE PROPELLANT PREPARATION/TEST BUILD-ING. A SUPPORT BUILDING, IN THE CENTER OF THE FACILITY, HAS BEEN ROOFED SINCE [REDACTED] AND SEVEN CYLINDRICAL OBJECTS ARE GROUPED NEAR THIS BUILDING. NUMEROUS VEHICLES AND MATERIALS, LOCATED IN OPEN STORAGE, ARE VISIBLE THROUGH-OUT THE FACILITY.

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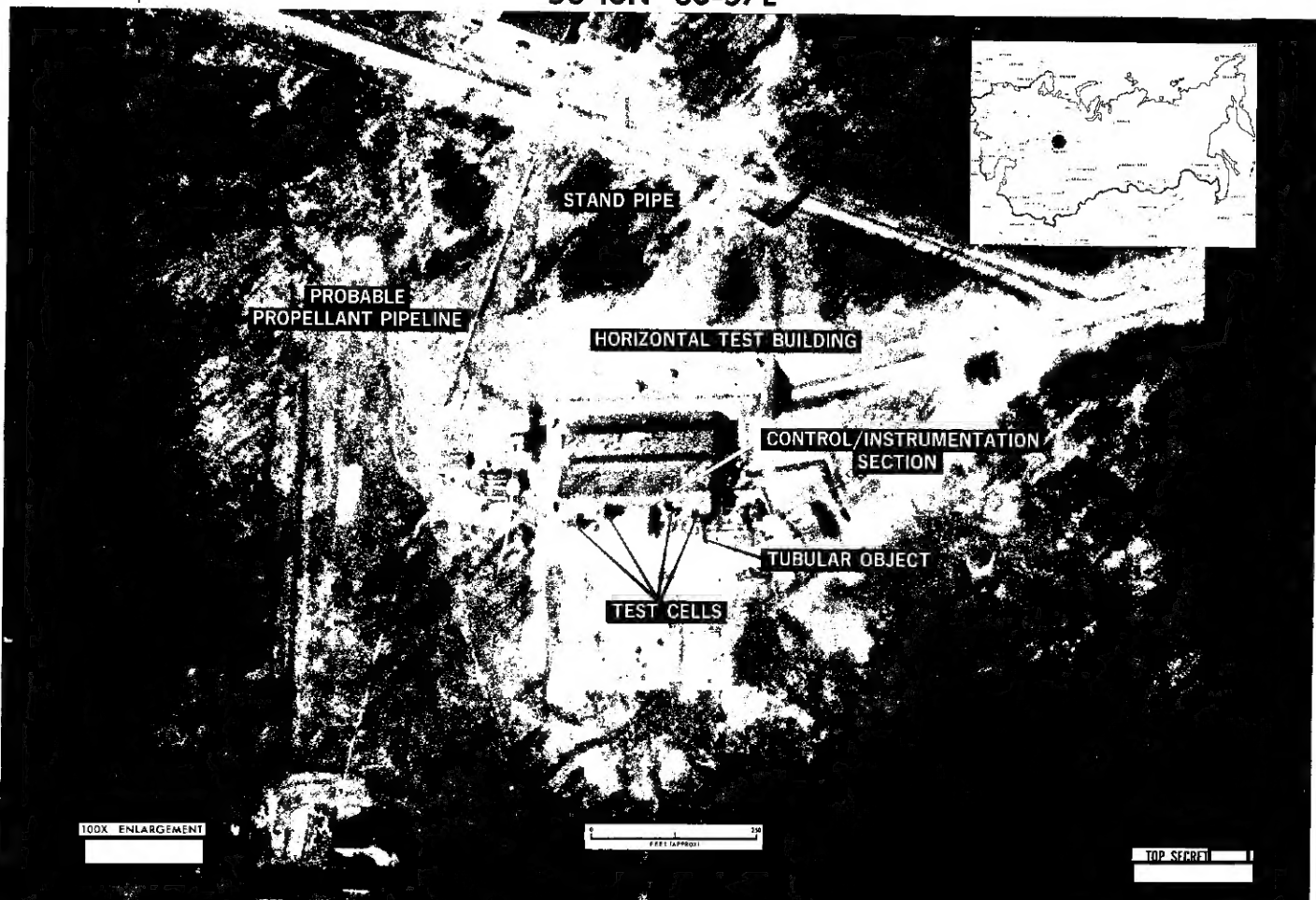
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